

RETIREMENT OF GEN PETER PACE

Mr. KYL. Mr. President, on Monday, GEN Peter Pace completed his term as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. A highly decorated officer, GEN Peter Pace was the first Marine officer to serve as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in our Nation's history.

General Pace graduated the U.S. Naval Academy in 1967. After completing the Basic School in 1968, he deployed to Vietnam as a marine rifle platoon commander. After Vietnam, General Pace served overseas in Thailand, South Korea, Japan, and Somalia.

His style as a humble commander, selflessly dedicated to his obligations, brought accolades from both superior officers and enlisted soldiers. General Pace has held command at nearly every level, and excelled in all respects in the uniformed service of his country.

As Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Pace served as an adviser to the President a role he conducted with unquestionable professionalism. As a confidential advisor and military man, General Pace did his utmost to steer clear of the public disputes and political battles that so often afflict Washington decision-making.

General Pace's professional conduct, through a period of time marked by new and uniquely difficult tribulations, is a model for those to come. A strong voice for providing security to Iraq's population and holding areas cleared of terrorists, General Pace's counsel has played a role in building consensus for the military strategy that is producing successes on the ground in Iraq. It should be noted that General Pace assumed his duties in the face of a rising insurgency in Iraq. He leaves office with a successful strategy in place, an improving situation in Iraq, and troop draw downs taking place due to progress on the ground. In short, he has left his office in better condition than it was when he entered it. For his exemplary service he has earned the gratitude of a safer, more secure Nation.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO ROY SCUDERI

• Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, today I bring to the attention of this body and the Nation the remarkable service of Roy Scuderi. For over 18 years, Roy has served A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans with diligence, dedication and commitment. Roy has helped make Presidential Classroom the premiere civic education program for high school students in America.

On October 5, 2007, Roy Scuderi will retire from his position as chief financial officer and vice president of this national nonprofit organization. In his role, Roy has established financial projections, overseen investments, negotiated contracts, and facilitated the

annual audits—all of this done with professionalism and integrity.

Roy Scuderi's commitment to Presidential Classroom's success and performance has inspired the well-deserved trust and affection of the board members and his colleagues. His judgment has improved every aspect of Presidential Classroom. Roy's daily efforts to ensure the program's quality and viability have sustained a record of unmatched dedication and achievement over the course of the organization's nearly 40-year history.

I have had the personal honor and privilege as a board member, chairman of the board, and now as honorary board member of Presidential Classroom to work closely with Roy Scuderi throughout his entire career with Presidential Classroom.

Presidential Classroom is stronger as a result of Roy's dedication and commitment to the classroom. Throughout his 18 years, the staff and board members of Presidential Classroom have relied on Roy Scuderi for his outstanding leadership and service.

Today, we salute Roy Scuderi for the central role that he has played in helping Presidential Classroom fulfill its mission of inspiring and challenging the leaders of tomorrow to devote their talents and energies in the service of our constitutional government on behalf of a better nation and a better world.●

TRIBUTE TO MARTHA ANNE DOW

• Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, famed educator Henry Adams once said, "a teacher affects eternity. They never know where their influence will stop." I wish to pay tribute to Dr. Martha Anne Dow, who passed away on September 29 after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Martha Anne had served for the past 9 years as president of the Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls, OR. In that position—and throughout her career—she had a positive impact on countless lives. Her influence will truly continue for generations and generations to come.

Martha Anne came to the Oregon Institute of Technology after teaching for more than a quarter century in the fields of biology, microbiology, environmental science, and water quality. She served for 6 years as provost and vice president for Academic Affairs at OIT and moved into the president's office in May of 1998.

I had the privilege of meeting President Dow on several occasions and was always impressed with her intelligence, enthusiasm, and vision for OIT. Her leadership transformed the institute, expanding the engineering, computer science, and renewable energy programs.

President Dow's greatest passion was, perhaps, for the health care field. She realized the shortage of health care professionals in Oregon and across our country, and she believed that OIT could help.

Through her leadership, OIT expanded their health care training programs with the goal of doubling the number of students in training for health care professions. Included in this expansion was the construction of a new center showcasing the most modern, technologically advanced equipment available. The first wing of the new facility opened on September 12 in Klamath Falls. In her honor, the building was officially named the "Martha Anne Dow Oregon Center for Health Professions."

As she battled breast cancer, President Dow would often ask medical technicians providing her treatment where they had received their training. She was very proud to hear that many had been trained at OIT, in the very programs she helped to expand.

Those professionals, and countless more to follow, are Martha Anne Dow's legacy. And I am proud to say her legacy will truly affect eternity.●

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:30 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2003. An act to encourage and facilitate the consolidation of peace and security, respect for human rights, democracy, and economic freedom in Ethiopia.

H.R. 2828. An act to provide compensation to relatives of United States citizens who were killed as a result of the bombings of United States Embassies in East Africa on August 7, 1998.

H.R. 3068. An act to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony.

H.R. 3087. An act to require the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress reports on the status of planning for the redeployment of the Armed Forces from Iraq and to require the Secretary of Defense, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and appropriate senior officials of the Department of Defense to meet with Congress to brief Congress on the matters contained in the reports.

H.R. 3432. An act to establish the Commission on the Abolition of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

H.R. 3571. An act to amend the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 to permit individuals who have served as employees of the Office of Compliance to serve as Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, or General Counsel of the Office, and to permit individuals appointed to such positions to serve an additional term.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 200. Concurrent resolution condemning the violent suppression of Buddhist monks and other peaceful demonstrators in Burma and calling for the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

H. Con. 203. Concurrent resolution condemning the persecution of labor rights advocates in Iran.